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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB2098

I support replacing the I-5 bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now.

I support the -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with a right-sized design, explicit pro-labor provisions, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

I encourage an approach that will be more likely to have a reasonable budget, avoid massive cost overruns, and serve the community in a way that is mindful of climate concerns.